

Always write your
full name here.

Always write
your date here.

Title Always Goes on the Top Line

I will always write in my best handwriting paying close attention to my letter formations, size, and spacing as these handwriting traits are extremely important on the STAAR Writing test that I will be taking this March.

All writing is left-justified, which means that I will write against the left margin.

The exception to this rule is when I indent to start a new paragraph.

I will not skip lines between paragraphs.

I will keep writing all the way to the right margin, getting as close to the right margin as I can without having to split a word from one line to the next. I will not write outside of either margin.

I will write small but readable. I will work on creating curves in my letter formations. My words will be tight and compact so I can fit more grandiloquent words on my paper.

I will only space my words $\frac{1}{2}$ cm apart from each other.

I will capitalize letters that should be capitalized and I will use correct D'nealian lower-case letters otherwise. My capital letters will be tall and will come close to touching the top line. My lower-case letters will only take up half the height of the line.

When I am writing a 26-line STAAR essay, I will pre-organize my writing so that I can control my thought process on paper. If I don't pre-organize my writing, I will run out of things to say and I will have an underdeveloped essay, which is a failing grade. On a STAAR essay, I will write between 250-310 meaningful and rich words. I understand that an essay is never about word count; however, essays that score the highest are loaded with rich words. The more rich words that I can weave into my tight, compact, and well thought out writing, the

higher I will score. The fewer the words and the more babyish the words are, the lower I will score.

1. When I need to number, I will left-justify.

- when I need to bullet, I will indent.

2. I will strive to find perfection in my spelling and grammar.

3. I will not use texting lingo in my writing.

4. I will not use any symbol that represents the word 'and' in my writing. I will always write out the full word.

5. When I make a mistake, I will fully erase before I rewrite; although, I may use proofreader's marks to correct on drafts. Do not scratch.

6. I will only indent one finger space when I start a new paragraph.

However unjustified, I will be judged by my appearance, along with several other writing traits, by a

random and anonymous STAAR
grader. I understand that my
appearance is my handwriting and the
visual presentation of my writing on
paper.

Write this line in your best print.

Write this line in your best cursive.

Sign your name